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ITEM # 1

① Date 2/27/52: subject is pres. of a co [which will provide accreditation  to a contract agent of this organization. It is not expected that subject will learn of the agent's connection with this organization however. Category: Covert Associate

② Military History

1942 - Entered a Navy Japanese Language School

1943 - Graduated Navy Japanese Language School

1944 - Commissioned U.S. Navy - Assigned as Intelligence officer, ONI Discharged as Lt

1946 - Attended Harvard Law School

Wife is the daughter of James A. Noe, former governor of Louisiana.

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③ 7-29-52 [covert security clearance denied]

④ Envelope - 3rd Agency

① Background investigation dtd January 1966

② ONI Background investigation - April 1943

③ Civil Service Commission Background investigation dtd May 1962

④ FBI Report, 4/22/55 Title: Gordon McLendon; Howard W. Davis - victim

⑤ FBI Report 4/19/55 Title: As above

⑥ memo dtd 7/25/52 reflecting identity of confidential informant in 1952 Background investigation

⑦ Background investigation dtd June 1952

⑧ ONI Background investigation dtd April 1943 (same as above)

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McLendon (continued)

⑤ ~~is~~ memo dated 3-27-78 - from OS stating In Dec 1965

[ the Directorate of Operations again requested a covert security  
Approval on Subject in his position with the McLendon  
Broadcasting System, Dallas. Field investigation was "basically  
favorable" ]

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"Request replies to refs [references are MASIT 0625, MASIT 0891]. FBI still has open ~~case~~ case Ref A and has called several times. Also desire give positive answer to Santiago Ref on ref B." No responding cable from Hdq. is contained in this file.

The file contained two memoranda for the record prepared by [redacted] dated June 30, 1961 and July 10, 1961.

The June 30 memo contains the following information:

a- Rothman's DOB is 26 Dec 1914; POB is Bronx, NY.

b- "When Rothman first came to CIA's attention in Sept. 1958, he was living in Dallas, Texas and was allegedly engaged in public relations work. According to his wife, Gloria, he made a one-week trip to Los Angeles in September on undisclosed business."

c- "In Oct 1959, Rothman was managing the Biltmore Terrace Hotel in Miami from which he was reported <sup>by</sup> the FBI to be supplying an anti-castro organization with arms which he obtained through U.S. gangsters...."

d- Following Pittsburgh conviction, Rothman went to Chicago, where he surrendered on charges of playing a key role in one of the biggest robberies in modern criminal history, the \$13.5 million looting of a Canadian bank. .... "Robbery was touched off when the Canadian branch of the mafia received a hurry-up order from the Caribbean for arms. The Canadian mafia did not have the money to buy arms, but it knew how to get hands on the contents of the Brockville, Ontario bank. It called upon the U.S. mafia for assistance, and it was then that Rothman entered the picture, it was charged." Subsequently

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portions of loot turned up in Shanghai, Argentina, Cuba, and Australia."

e. "Before Rothman was tracked down in connection with the above crimes, he was reported by the FBI as traveling to Yucatan to seek a base of operations against the Castro gov't. In this enterprise he was associated with (Teddy) Whitehouse Insua, formerly of the Cuban Civil Aeronautical Association, ex-Colonel Orlando Piedra Negueruela, former member of BEAC and head of Cuban Bureau of Investigations, and Colonel Roberto Fernandez Miranda, brother-in-law of Batista and former commander of the presidential guards as well as president of the National Sports Commission. While no mention is made of Rolando Masterner in this connection, Rothman has engaged in many exploits and deals with Masterner."

f. "In Sept 1960 Rothman still out on \$50,000 bond, made an approach to Frank Fiorini, soldier of fortune, offering to obtain two migs - one flown by a Czech and another by a Cuban. Fiorini felt that Rothman's interest was stimulated by a straight profit motive or by hopes for favorable treatment regarding the Fed. case against him."

g. "In Oct. 1960, Rothman again appeared in Dallas, where he approached Robert E. Grinnan, an oil contracts promotion man. Rothman claimed to have connections with Nor-Roth Industries of N.Y.C. and stated that clients of his had an interest in purchasing 1/2 million metric tons of diesel fuel oil and 1 million metric tons of crude oil to be delivered over a five-year period to Hamburg, Germany. Grinnan was puzzled by the offer,

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reported to the FBI. He went to N.Y. in November and met Rothman and the other principals of the deal, a Mary Talley and a Dr. Phillip Paneth de Panay. Largely because of Grinnan's suspicions the deal was never consummated."

h. "As of December 1960, Rothman was living in Dallas, Texas."

The second memorandum for the record (July 10, 1961) contains additional background information and an updated location on Rothman. The memo indicates <sup>that</sup> ~~Rothman~~ during the Batista regime, Rothman was the supervisor of slot machines in Camaguey province under the national supervisor, Alberto Araura Moya, who was one of <sup>the</sup> owners of the Tropicana nightclub in Havana. The memo states that recent reports place Rothman in Miami.

The file also contains a memorandum for the Deputy Chief of the Western Hemisphere Division from [Clark W. Simmons] re a meeting with Rothman and David M. McConnell. The memo is dated June 30, 1961. The meeting occurred on June 29, 1961, at the Deputy Attorney General's office and was for the purpose of evaluating "Rothman's claim to operational assets inside Cuba and elsewhere in the Caribbean area. An agreement was made that <sup>McConnell</sup> ~~Rothman~~ would be notified of Rothman's "operational potential in Cuban affairs" on July 5. (There is no <sup>record</sup> ~~record~~ in the file of ~~the~~ any further communication with McConnell).

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At the beginning of the meeting McConnell spoke to [Simmons] privately. McConnell described himself as a "leading political figure in the Democratic Party machine in N. Carolina," and stated he was acquainted with Robert Kennedy, General Taylor, and General Van Fleet. McConnell is a corporate tax attorney and was concerned about the embarrassment to the Kennedy administration caused by the Cuban "fiasco." He stated that Rothman claims to have assets and capabilities which would enable Rothman to destroy the arms dumps on the plantation of ex-president Cardenas of Mexico, to set up operational bases in the Yucatan at a cost of \$50-\$1,000, to sabotage targets in Cuba identified by the U.S. gov't, and to provide positive intelligence on the activities of Chinese Communist Groups in the Western Hemisphere.

When Rothman was ~~questioned by~~ questioned by [Simmons] he made the following points:

- 1- Castro had executed three of his close friends:  
(Francisco - war name)  
Rogelio Gonzalez, Sori Marin, and Efigenio Fernandez.
- 2- Rothman has the operational capability to destroy arms dumps of Cardenas. He has agent assets in Mexico with whom he made contact 4 to 5 months ago.
- 3- He had Indians construct an airstrip in the Yucatan. One B-26 had landed there.
- 4- He is well acquainted with Sanchez Arango and considers him a close personal friend. He last met Arango 6 weeks ago.
- 5- He has the personnel and capabilities to attack or sabotage any target of our interest in Cuba. He has a

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basic plan for assassination of Castro. The plan called for an air attack with napalm against Castro when he was addressing a rally. He has 100 pilots who had participated in the invasion of Cuba and are now working for the Congolese Air Force. Rothman would not identify the pilots.

6- Rothman said he had many agents going in and out of Cuba. He is in contact with 6 agents at this time. The agents are in the tourist-travel business or import-export business, and enter the U.S. through 3rd countries.

7- He knows of many Chinese communists going into Canada from Cuba.

8- Rothman expressed resentment over gun-running charges. He said "that CIA used the same people in these gun running activities and the same houses, for which he (Mr. Rothman) was being prosecuted by the Federal Government. He said that he had supervised 40 ship operations on behalf of the Frente against Cuba. He said that CIA would truck the stuff to the point of ship pick-up, where he (Mr. Rothman) would supervise the loading of the ships. He said that he had purchased the 20ft ship "reefer" which was the first boat to support the underground in Cuba. He added that he knew everything the CIA planned in maritime operation and for the invasion."

9- Rothman stated he is a close friend of John Abbes Garcia, Chief of Dominican Republic Security.

At the conclusion of the memorandum, [Simmons] comments that he did not believe Rothman's claims of controlling

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agents and material assets. He recommends that there be no further discussion with Rothman re these claims.

[Simmons] notes from this meeting give McConnell's address as Charlotte, N. Carolina. This memo includes additional comments made by Rothman -

- a- Claims to know Prio, Betancourt
- b- "suspects Patrick op as being funny and ill-advised."
- c- In the last year Rothman has met Arango 20-25 times. Rothman knows friends; "Garcia" and "Tito"
- d- Austin Young is Rothman's personal pilot.
- e- He last visited the Dominican Rep. in 1959 for the purpose of communicating with assets and contacts. "Tonn Abbas asked Rothman do job"

The file also contains some information on Eduardo Whitehouse, Orlando Piedra, and Miranda Fernandez.

I. ~~the~~ Eduardo Julio Whitehouse Insua (DOB 3-14-14) aka "Teddy". Whitehouse is described as a compatriot of Rothman's. An April 5, 1960 report states that Whitehouse and Elliot Spinning intended to take a B-26 to Vera Cruz. Sam Rubin (believed to be identical with Sam "Stretch" Rubin, chief doorman at the Biltmore Terrace Hotel) was reported to be the owner of the B-26 (Reg # N32446). A Dec. 31, 1959 report indicates that U.S. Customs seized a B-26 at Miami and another (N28816) at Vero Beach, when Whitehouse and Spinning attempted to move them. A 12 Dec 1960 report states that Whitehouse was responsible for setting fire to the sugar crops in early ~~SECRET~~ States he was asked by



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Alberto Fernandez for help. Fernandez has set up a guerilla organization. A 13 Feb 1961 report states that according to Alexander I Rorke, Jr., Whitehouse has 70 pilots available and ready to take drastic action against Castro and have worked out a "definite plan of action" to accomplish "Castro's overthrow."

## II. Orlando Piedra

Piedra was formerly in charge of the Dept. of Investigation under Batista. A 8 Jan 1960 report states that according to Enrique Fernandez Parajon, both he and Piedra are heading the "military section" of the counter-revolutionary group which is receiving monetary support from Batista. A 4 March 1960 report indicates Piedra met or planned to meet with General Jose Pedraza during the latter's visit to Washington. Piedra is described as a member of BRAC who fled Cuba on Jan 1, 1959. Reference is made to a New Orleans FBI report, dated March 27, 1961. On Oct 2, 1959 there is a report that Piedra received orders by Batista thru Joe Suarez Nunez to immediately consolidate anti-Castro forces.

- III. Miranda Fernandez - There is one report, 3-8-61, which states Miranda admitted ~~to 1959 and 1960~~ to furnishing aid to Rolando Masferrer in 1959-1960. He stated he is now providing aid and assistance to his former military regiment who are still in Cuba working against Castro. He thinks the group is associated with FRD.

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A Sept 27, 1960 cable to the Director from MASH (0828) stated: ~~to the~~ "1. FBI has advised of approach made to Frank Fiorini for procurement of two MIG aircraft which would be brought to states by one Czech and one Cuban pilot. Approach made by Norman Rothman who is hood indicted for gun running and stolen bonds currently out on \$50,000 bond.

"2. FBI contact felt Rothman interest was straight profit motive or hope for favorable treatment re above rap. Contact stated no chance whatever latter and that had advised Fiorini that FBI could not handle such a deal but would pass to other interested U.S. gov't agency. Said that inspite of above derog info believed Rothman could very probably produce."

"3. Has Hqs. any interest pursue."

Headquarters responded on Sept 28, 1960 (Dir 02972) stating, "If Ref para 1 plan involves detection of MIG and ~~a~~ Czech pilot from Cuba Hqs. vitally interested. Advise all pertinent details."

JMASH responded on Oct 1, 1960 (MASH 0891):

"1. View Rothman forthcoming trial. local FBI feels Justice Department be advised prior any CIA contact subj. This to prevent any complication prosecution if op succeeds and Rothman attempts make deal re possible prison term.

2. Per telecon 29 Sept MASH advised Hqs Santiago Rey also approached by Rothman with same plan ref A [MISPLANE]. If Hqs decides go ahead with ops, MASH plan make contact through Rey."

This cable was followed by another cable to the Director from MASH, dated Oct 20, 1960 (MASH 1162) stating

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July 9, 1965

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Memo

ARA / CCA - MR. STEVENSON

ARA - George Lister

Visit of Cuban Exile Victor ESPINOSA

At request of friend, Valmore Acedo, Venezuelan Christian ~~friend~~, Democratic friend, LISTER agreed to meet Espinosa.

Espinosa statements - summary

① Opposed BATISTA, opposes Castro  
Not a member of "March 13<sup>th</sup> Movement,  
but close to many of its leaders, including Cabelas.

② Trained by CIA in Sourin and Guatemala  
sent to Cuba prior to Bay of Pigs

Plans to become US cit. in ~~May~~ Aug 65 -

probably  
from  
Alfredo  
Blancher

③ Early in 1965 - Espinosa received request  
from one of his reliable Cuban contacts in Europe  
asking that he come quickly. Espinosa went  
to ~~Europe~~ Miami, obtained false Cuban  
papers, and went to Paris. In the presence  
of the Cuban Amb to France, met one of Castro's  
"top security" men, who had come to Paris  
for that purpose.

P-2 During ~~many~~ <sup>various</sup> meetings in France, & Spain  
(where Espinosa entered illegally) Espinosa was  
informed that there is a plan to  
overthrow the Castro regime and kill Castro &  
some of his main leaders.

The plot is led by Cabelo and some of the March 13 movement. plus (writer believes some military officers.)

"They must move more quickly because more and more people learning of the plot and thus growing risk of exposure.

They are anxious to have some coordination or at least consultation with responsible Americans. They ~~feel~~ are not confident that they could win an all-out fight against Castro forces, thinking more in terms of taking control for a few hours, killing Castro & his most effective men. They must what if anything the Americans might do to help when the coup is attempted. They also wished to alert the US Gov't as to what was being planned.

The Cubans might have turned to [Earl Williamson, CIA Madrid], but believe him to be unreliable as Cuban girl sent [Madrid] some time ago deny Castro & fooled [Williamson]. He arranged for her to work with International Rescue Committee. She returned to [Madrid] w/ plans of plot.

Plotters asked Espinosa to be go between with reliable American officials.

"Top security" man returned to Havana while one repres. of plotters waited in Spain for answer.

Espinosa returned to N.Y. Called O'Brien of FBI and asked to be put in touch with serious and reliable man from CIA.

Espinosa told story to "Hal" of CIA. Espinosa believes Hal or someone else went to Spain to check story.

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Varona

The DCD provided the following documents and information:

① memo of visit to R. Ruben de Leon Garcia, dated 1-26-61. De Leon arrived in Miami and was contacted 1-25-61. De Leon, because of the respect he commands from the different faction leaders in Cuba, was assigned the mission of bringing the rival factions together in order to expedite the solution of the Cuban problem. He stated the groups in Cuba have completed plans to effect the overthrow of the Castro regime.

② memo from Miami field office - reporting being contacted by Carter Ogden, formerly a large landowner in Cuba, who is now residing in Mississippi. Ogden was in Miami on a special mission for the Sec. of the Army. Ogden implied that it had something to do with consideration of Dr. Ruben de Leon Garcia as an important adviser to the US Army in connection with the situation in Cuba.

③ memo dated 28 Dec 1962 re background of de Leon.

④ memo of Chicagoan's Conversations with Varona. Source: Dr. Martin F. Pella - On 23 Sept 1963 Varona was visiting Chicago and told Pella that the Pres. of Honduras had offered him the use of an island off Honduras as a base for anti-Castro activities. ~~For~~ He Varona told Pella of difficulties encountered by Luis Somoza in planning raids on Cuba. Plans were made only to be dropped because arms expected from the US gov't were not delivered.

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Varona

⑤ Interview with former Bay of Pigs prisoner. -  
Edgardo Antonio Buttari. Dec 23-24, 1962.

Enlisted in CRF in July 1960. Went to Guatemala.

24 Aug 1960 - Oscar Carol was assigned head of the  
Cuban instructors. and personnel at TRAX base.

Col. Vallejo was Am. officer in charge. Late in Nov 1960

" " replaced by "Frank" who arrived with  
"Burnie", "Gordon", "Pat" and "C.B." Describes Bay of Pigs  
invasion and aftermath.

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Edward K. Moss

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The Moss file contains the following information and documents:

① memo for the <sup>Deputy</sup> Chief of Security Research Staff, 14 May 1973 in which a memo dated 28 Feb 1968 is referred to. The referenced memo states that "a verbal report from Dun & Bradstreet recognizes Moss' long standing 'Mafia' connections. "Moss' operation seems to be government contracts for the underworld and probably surfaces Mafia money in legitimate business activities. This memo also states that from 1950-53, Moss was serving on appointed position with the US Gov't, first as an Assistant Administrator in Charge of Public Information, National Production Authority; and then with the Defense Production Administration both with the Dept. of Commerce."

2- Who's Who in America- entry for Moss.

3- Dun & Bradstreet report dated Sept 27, 1968. On June 1, 1960 Moss merged his activities with Howard Chase Associates, Inc. Moss was also Pres. of a wholly-owned subsidiary, Chase & Moss, Inc, Wash. D.C. June 1, 1961 parties agreed to demerge with assets returned to respective owners. Settlement negotiations led to litigation. In 1964 - settlement was effected. In 1965 Moss served as Asst Director, OEO, with responsibilities ~~to serve~~ for public affairs advisor to the White House Conference on Civil Rights.

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- ④ A June 29, 1967 Dun & Bradstreet report states that Moss is a principal in General International, which is stated to be an Italian Corporation engaged as consultants in economic and business area development, Europe, Africa, & in Asia.
- ⑤ A memo to the file, dated April 1967 re Moss. The last approval granted by the Office of Security for Moss' use was "a Covert Security Approval dated 7 November 1962" to enable Moss' use "by the Political Group of the CA staff."
- 6- memo, date 23 March 1965. States that NE obtained a covert security approval in 1959 and CA in 1962 for Moss in the public relations field.
- 7- 30 Nov 1962 - memo - from Political Action Group / Covert Action staff requests any objections to the use of ~~the~~ Moss as a public relations advisor.
- MAJOR  
ZRR ~~MAJOR~~ project.
- 8- 19 Mar - 1959 memo from DD of security refers to request for CSA to permit Moss' use as an informant on the plans, activities and programs of the Indian Embassy in which he is engaged or of which he is knowledgeable.

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<sup>merola</sup>  
Joseph Ray Merola

DOB 9 Oct 1925

POB: Turtle Creek; Penna.

The file on Joseph merola contains the following information and documents:

① memo dated 28 Jan 1974 re office of ~~Security~~ files. States that merola first came to the Agency's ~~ca~~ attention in 1961 when he visited Justin F. Gleichauf who was then Chief of the Miami Contact Division. merola said he had info concerning a Brazilian Senator, a close friend and confidant of Che Guevarra. It was felt that merola's reason for contacting the Agency was to ascertain if the Agency would intervene with the Fed. Court to rescind the 25 mile travel restriction. He was informed that the Agency could be of no assistance. Mr. merola also said he had been engaged in gunrunning in behalf of Castro during the revolt against Batista and had been received warmly by Castro & Camilo Cienfuegos. merola again contacted the Agency on 20 Nov 1972 informing that he was going to jail for one year. No further contact with merola.

② A Feb 15, 1964 cable from miami reports that 3 people have been arrested for theft of dynamite & illegal possession of explosives. Claiming that they stole the dynamite on behalf of merola, a CIA agent. "merola is not a CIA agent [but used solely as an informant by JmPALM." ]

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Merola

3- memo of visit to Merola, dated 8 Feb 1961, reports Brazilian Senator story. Merola said that Sam Kay, one of his associates in the Latin American contraband business, told him that the Senator was interested in developing a project whereby large quantities of whiskey would be smuggled into Brazil. (Contacts in Cuba with Castro.) <sup>Merola</sup> ~~he~~ was also in contact with Colonel "Johnnie" Abbes, head of the Dominican secret police. Merola also indicated that he is very well acquainted with Antonio de Varona, head of the FRD, and felt that he would be able to provide definite assistance to the Frente should he be called upon. He has a 63' boat available which he would not be adverse to "lending" to his friends."

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Eduardo Whitehouse Tosua

The file contains the following information & documents:

① miami Herald article , dated 21 Oct 1969, reported the arrest of 3 men, Eduardo Whitehouse, Jose Roberto Silvera, and Hector Silvera for receiving & concealing stolen property after they tried to sell \$100,000 worth of stolen aircraft radio equipment

② Background info - DOB - 14 March 19<sup>18?</sup> POB: Cuba.

Arrived in US at Port Everglades, Fla. on 10 April 1959. Left U.S. on 8 April 1961, arrived US again on 9 Sept 1961 at New York City. Issued Re-Entry Permit in March<sup>5</sup> 1962 for travel to Congo. U.S. Congressman Dante Fascell introduced a bill in Congress in June 1963 "to restore U.S. citizenship" to Whitehouse; that subject took part in "Bay of Pigs invasion"; that he contracted in 1961 to "fly for the United Nation in the Congo" ~~for~~ He was associated with Liberal Party in Cuba 1937-59. Received Re-Entry Permit in Dec 1963 for travel to Mexico. INS File # A-11 241 940. Whitehouse was represented by Attorney Monroe Gelb. on March 5, 1962 Re-entry permit, Whitehouse listed his employer as L.B. Smith Aircraft Corporation, Miami, Fla.

In Feb 1964 - Whitehouse resided in Miami

In June 1964 - " " in Dallas (6141 Oram St.)

In Oct 1964 " " in Miami

Employment in June 1964 was with RANSA airlines, Miami.

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- 3- A biographical data form lists employment as  
July 1964- Present - North Shore Villas, Public Relations.  
Jan 1963- June 1964- Panaven Airlines, Panama -  
Operations Consultant  
Sept 1943- Jan 1959 - Cubana Airlines - Pilot.  
1961- 1963 - Insurance Salesman

The above information is from an investigation conducted in the fall of 1964.

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Edward Browder

DOB : 22 June 1917      POB: Amarillo, Texas

The file contains the following documents and information:

① Office memorandum - 1954 "Sabatino, Edward Browder aka Edward Browder", US Citizen living in Mexico. Born about 1917  
Address: Hotel Monte Cassino, Mexico City.

② memo for Chief, Special Security Division. subj: National Agency name checks on Edward Browder Sabatino [PBSuccess.] 27 May 1954

"In operational support of Project [PBSuccess], it is requested that your office initiate priority national agency name checks, with special emphasis on info developed from Immigration and Naturalization and Dept of State on one Edward Browder Sabatino."

③- memo, dated 28 May 1954, for Deputy Chief SSD from Chief, Operations Branch      subj: Browder.

" GIST : WH [PBSuccess] requests information regarding subject and Louis Sabatino.

DETAILS: 1- The subject is of interest to WH Division [PBSuccess] and has requested this office to conduct certain inquiries.

2- Because of the sensitivity of this case, it is requested that the files of the FBI be checked through Mr. Papich, concerning the subject and Louis Sabatino."

④ Covert Name Check Report - 28 May 1954

⑤ Passport File Check      27 May 1954

SECRET ⑥ unidentified document- "The subject case, while still pending was cancelled by request of the Chief, Operations, Project [PBSuccess]."

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Dino Cellini

The Cellini file contained one memorandum to the  
Deputy Chief, Security Research Staff; subj: Edward K. Moss.  
Dated 14 May 1963. Related Moss/Cellini/Uarona connection.  
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Norman Rothman

The file contained one ~~at~~ pertinent memo, dated 25 April 1975 which contained general information. It was reported that in late 1959, Rothman was managing a hotel in Miami Beach, Fla. which reportedly was owned by ex-Cuban President Batista, through Batista's brother-in-law, Roberto Fernandez Miranda.

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John martino

The martino file contains a one page document dated 8 Jan 1962.  
Case 36,973 - Drexel Gibson. most of the page is deleted.

Pertinent segment states:

"G. when Gibson was transferred to La Cabana he found only one other U.S. citizen there, a retired U.S. army officer named John martino. martino, believed to be from miami, Florida., went to cuba in early 1960, for business reasons and was picked up at the airport in Havana on arrival. He was held incommunicado for 14 months at El Principe and is now serving a 14 year sentence at La Cabana on charges of being the head of the "White Rose" anti-Castro organization. martino is desperately ill with kidney and liver ailments and receives no medical care. His physical condition has kept him from being transferred to the Isle of Pines." Hand written from martino's name - "Drug Addict."

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Wash. Star article - 1 May 1972 "Ruby's safe stolen"  
L. J. Ware, partner in firm hired to auction off  
the furnishings of J. Ruby's night club in Atheni, Texas  
made an agreement @ Ruby estate not to open  
backroom safe. Ware said the furnishings were  
auctioned off Saturday but the safe was not among  
them. Someone stole it the night before.

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Wash. Star article - 1 May 1972 "Ruby's safe stolen"

L. J. Ware, partner in firm hired to auction off the furnishings of J. Ruby's nightclub in Athens, Texas made an agreement @ Ruby estate not to open backroom safe. Ware said the furnishings were auctioned off Saturday but the safe was not among them. Someone stole it the night before.

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## Minutemen

① "De Pugh and the Minutemen: Wonderland of the Mind"

Ramparts, June 1970 by William Turner.

Robert Bolivar

Turner phoned De Pugh in Oct. 1967 & posed possibility that renegade minutemen had been involved in the Kennedy assassination. De Pugh readily agreed, saying that he had some evidence that might explain unanswered questions about events at Dealey Plaza in Dallas. It was only a few months after this exploratory contact on the topic of the assassination that the chief minutemen had gone underground. When De Pugh was shown <sup>(Garrison)</sup> people who mysteriously died, were included on list "three men who by De Pugh's admission were members of the minutemen.

② "Daily World (Communist) clip 29 April 1969 "Minuteman arrested"

Richard Lauchli Jr. arrested - described as leader of the Minutemen. Possession of over 1,000 sub-machineguns & other weapons.

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③ Minuteman Application Form.

Lt. Gen. P. A. del Valle - Pres. of Defenders of the American Constitution.

④ letter From 9892 to SS1 Dated 11-29-63 From Alexandria, VA to P.O. Box 68, Norborne, Missouri -

Executive Ave.  
Lincoln Apt. D-3

p. 1 "I also mailed a letter on 11-22-63, with information for my picket sign for 11-22-63 and 11-25-63. I

addressed it to P.O. Box 1195, the return address on a letter I had received from you. To my dismay, it has not been answered. The political history of those two days appears to prove that my letter of 10-22-63 was carried out in full and with an unexpected reply, which brought out the true nature of communism in full. This should solidly establish our position for the future. I have said and written nothing to anyone outside this letter."

(Robert B. DePugh's no. was 551)

Confidential Address of 9892 - Vincent R. O'Brien

Apt. D-2

Lincoln Bldg,

Presidential Gardens,

Alex. VA 22305.

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